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SUBJ: NEW IRANIAN AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA

REF: VIENNA 290

1. MUSTAFA NAMDAR, NEW IRANIAN AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA, IS A CAREER FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER WITH 24 YEARS EXPERIENCE WHO IS CONSIDERED A PROTEGE OF PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA. PRIOR TO ACCEPTING THE AUSTRIAN POST, HIS FIRST AMBASSADORIAL POSITION, NAMDAR WAS FOR SEVERAL YEARS SUPERVISOR OF THE GOVERNMENT RECEPTIONS DIVISION, MFA, AND SERVED AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL WHEN HIS DIVISION WAS MERGED WITH PROTOCOL.

2. SON OF A MULLA WHO WAS ALSO EMPLOYED BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, NAMDAR STUDIED DRAMA IN GERMANY AND REMAINS INTERESTED IN THE THEATER. HE ALSO HOLDS A DOCTORATE IN ECONOMICS. OTHER SERVICE WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS INCLUDED POSTING AT IRANIAN EMBASSY IN GERMANY, IN PROTOCOL SECTION OF MFA AND AS MINISTRY'S CHIEF LIBRARIAN. NAMDAR SPEAKS EXCELLENT GERMAN AND FRENCH AND FAIR ENGLISH IN ADDITION TO HIS NATIVE FARSE.

3. AGED 58, NAMDAR WAS MARRIED BUT WIFE DIED SOME YEARS AGO LEAVING HIM WITH TWO CHILDREN. ONE OF CHILDREN, A DAUGHTER, STUDIED AT FRENCH SCHOOL IN TEHRAN AND HAS JOINED HER FATHER

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IN VIENNA. NAMDAR'S LATE BROTHER WAS FORMERLY MAYOR OF

TEHRAN AND HEAD OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL FACULTY AT TEHRAN
UNIVERSITY.

4. NAMDAR HAS MAINTAINED GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH EMBASSY
OFFICERS WHO HAVE FOUND HIM OPEN AND FRIENDLY.
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